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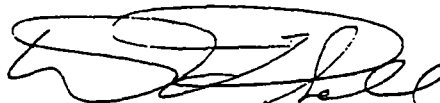
WOOD PAPER Section

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated June 18, 1996, in reference to the cement operation at the St. Louis Tunnel site near Rico, Colorado. As I stated in our telephone conversation earlier, your notice was the first that we had heard of the cement operation using the tunnel water for cement mixing and washing out of trucks at the site. Upon learning of this I instructed Wayne Webster to tell the cement operation to immediately cease any such use. To my knowledge they have complied with this request and are no longer using the St. Louis water.

There seems now to be some dispute as to the ownership of the water and the property surrounding both the plant and the water adit. I will keep you informed as this develops further.

Sincerely,



David L. Sell